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I. Hungarian regime apparently setting stage for treason trial of Nagy. Trial may take place sometime in next few weeks.

II. Regime's build-up of case against Nagy as follows:

A. Prominent regime officials including First Deputy Premier

Muennich have made violent accusations against Nagy including charge that he turned Hungarian people against "its best friend, the Soviet Union."

1. This echoed in other Satellites notably speech by Gheorghiu-Dej in Rumania.

B. In one of wave of trials of former resistance fighters

(including General Maleter) defendants have been accused of following "orders of Imre Nagy and Maleter."

III. Trials and attendant publicity aimed at

A. Convincing Hungarian people that they have no alternative to Soviet domination and communist regime.

B. Hungarians likely to accept trial as further evidence of completely ruthless character of regime but will lay final

responsibility at door of Nagy and Maleter. Accusations unlikely.